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Level • I



How do you become a missionary?

Paul – Converted by God to Preach Christ

Text: Acts 9:1-9; 18b-22

A missionary is someone who believes in Jesus and tells others about Jesus.
Our first story tells us how God makes a missionary.

here was one a man named Paul. At first, Paul did not love Jesus. He hated Jesus very much. He wanted to hurt and kill all Christians. A Christian is someone who believes that Jesus died for his sins.

One day Paul was trying to find some Christians to hurt. He was walking down a road. All at once there came a bright light. A

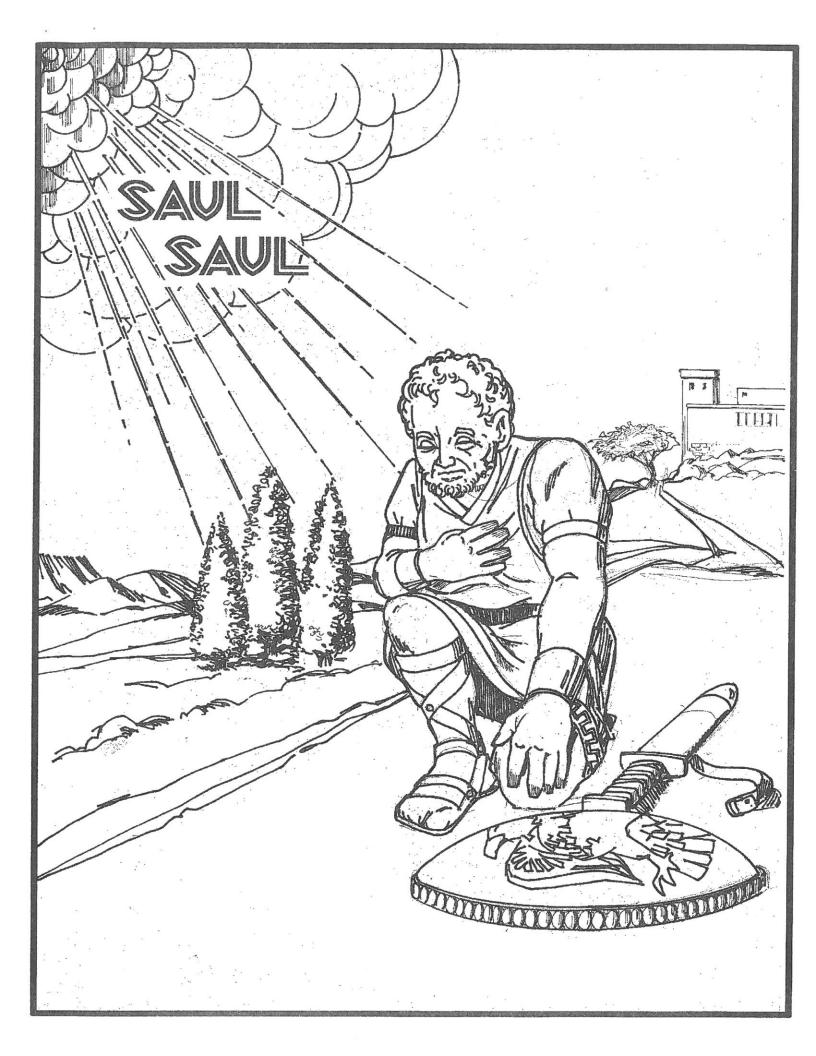


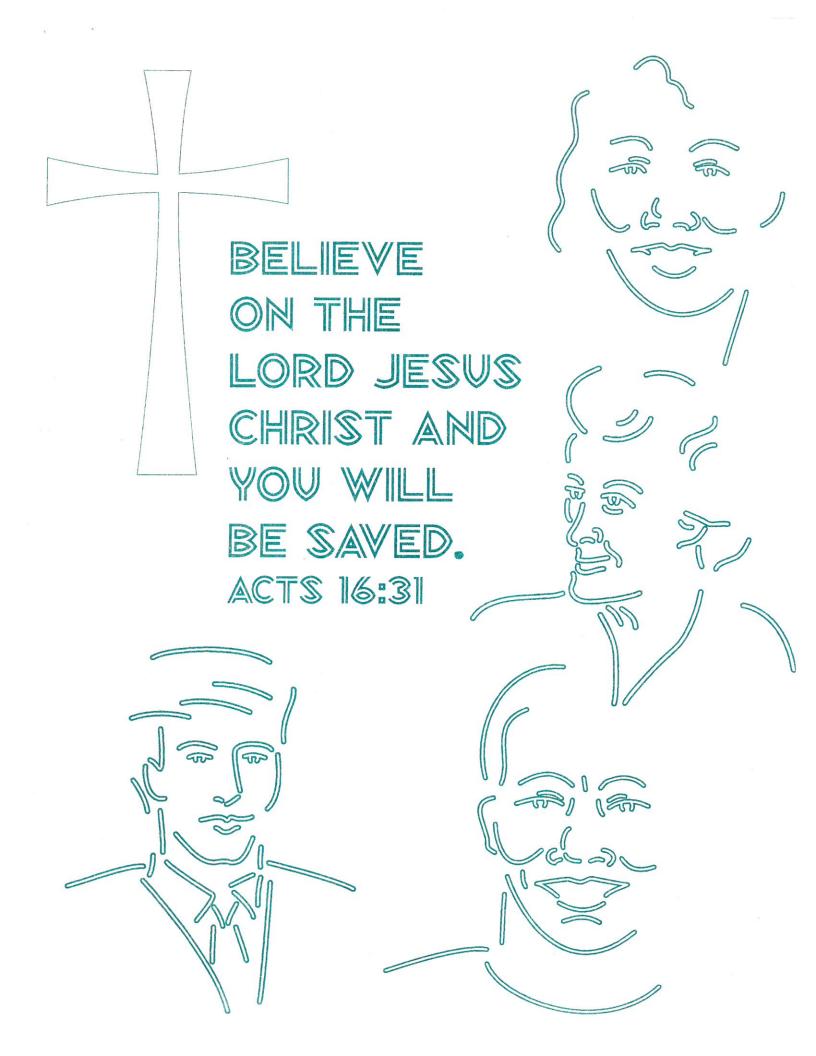
loud voice said, "Why are you hurting me?"
Paul fell down to the ground and was scared. He didn't know who it was. Do you know who it was? The voice said, "I am Jesus. You have done many things

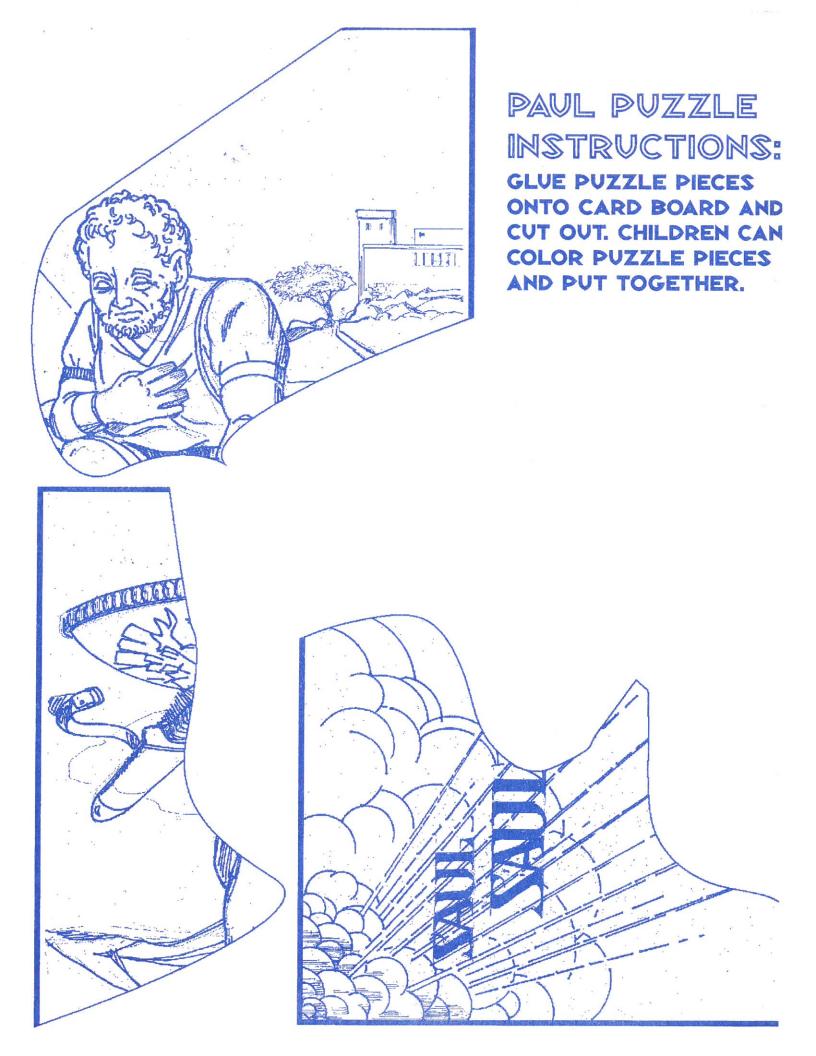
wrong. But I love you. Paul learned that Jesus died for his sins and was baptized. Jesus sent Paul to tell others about Him."

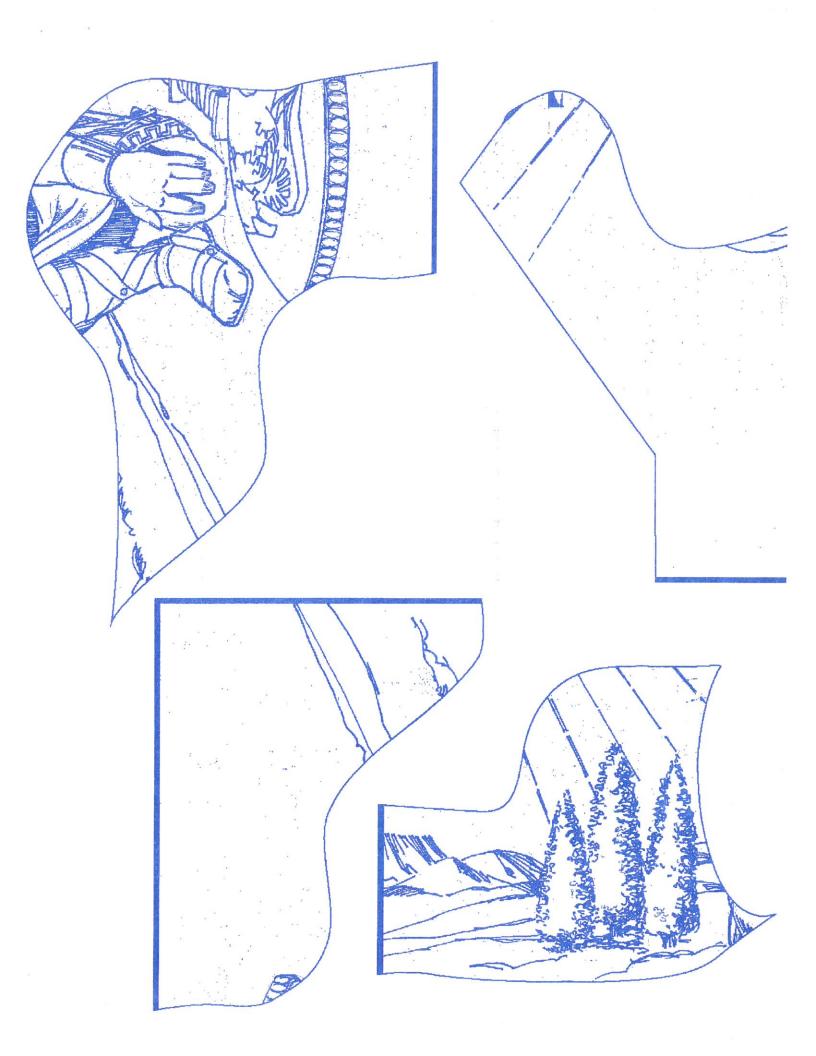
At first Paul hated
Jesus. Now he loved
Him. At first Paul killed
Christians. Now God
made him a Christian
and a missionary. God
would use Paul to tell
many people about
Jesus.

We also have done things wrong. We have sinned. But Jesus has died for us, too. God loves us; now we love Him. God has made us Christians. He has made us missionaries to tell others about Jesus.









What does a missionary talk about?

Philip – Instructed by God to Speak His Word

Text: Acts 8:26-40

What does a missionary say to people? What was the missionary Paul to preach? What should you tell people? We can learn from our story about Philip.

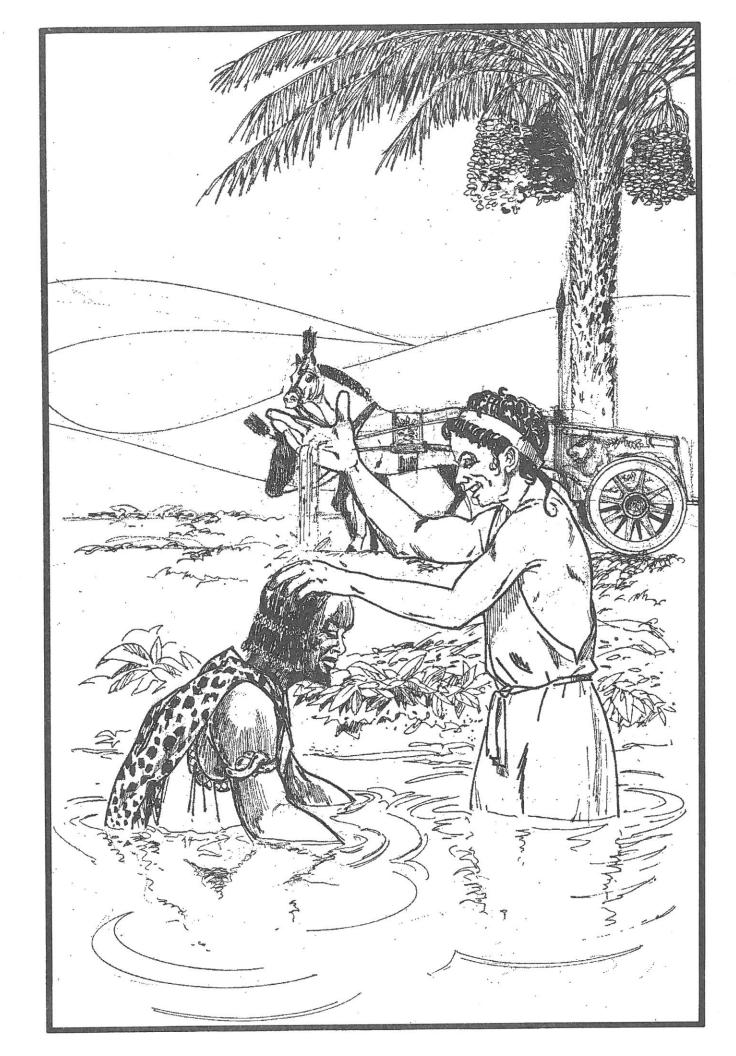
od made Philip a Christian and a missionary. One day, Philip was sitting by the road. In a chariot was a servant of the Queen of Ethiopia. He was a black man. He was reading the Bible. He didn't know what it meant. God sent Philip to the chariot to help the man. Philip sat down in the chariot with him. Philip used



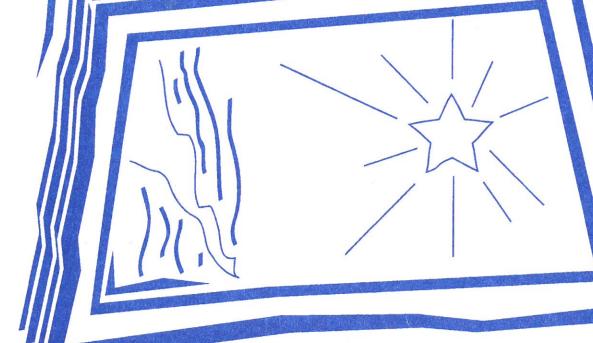
the Bible to tell him about Jesus. "He died for your sins," Philip said. The servant was so happy. He loved Jesus and wanted to be baptized. Philip baptized him. He used water and the Word of God.

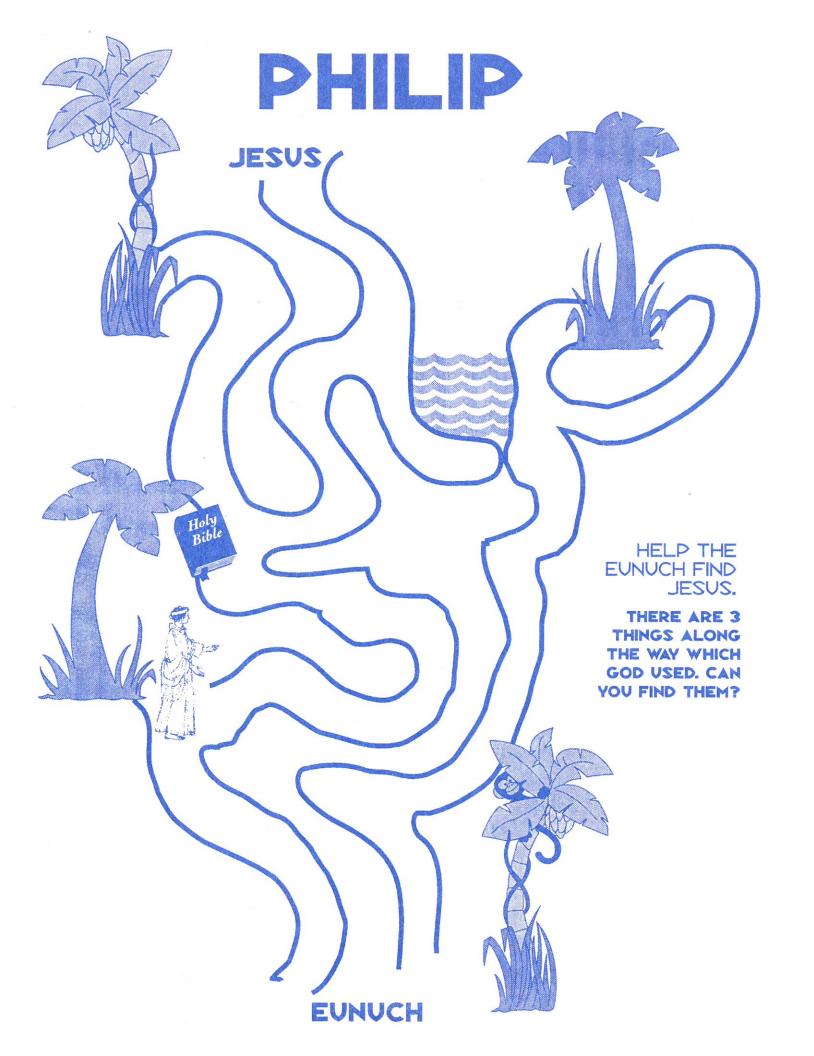
God taught Philip about Jesus. Philip

taught the servant about Jesus. Philip used the Bible. God wants us to use the Bible to learn about Jesus. Then, He wants us to use the Bible to teach others about Jesus.



Your Word
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psalm 119:105
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Being a missionary may not be easy.

Stephen – Strengthened by God to Confess unto Death

Text: Acts 6:8; 7:51-60

Sometimes it is hard to be a missionary. People don't always want to listen to the Bible. But what people think or do should not stop us.

When it is hard to talk about Jesus,

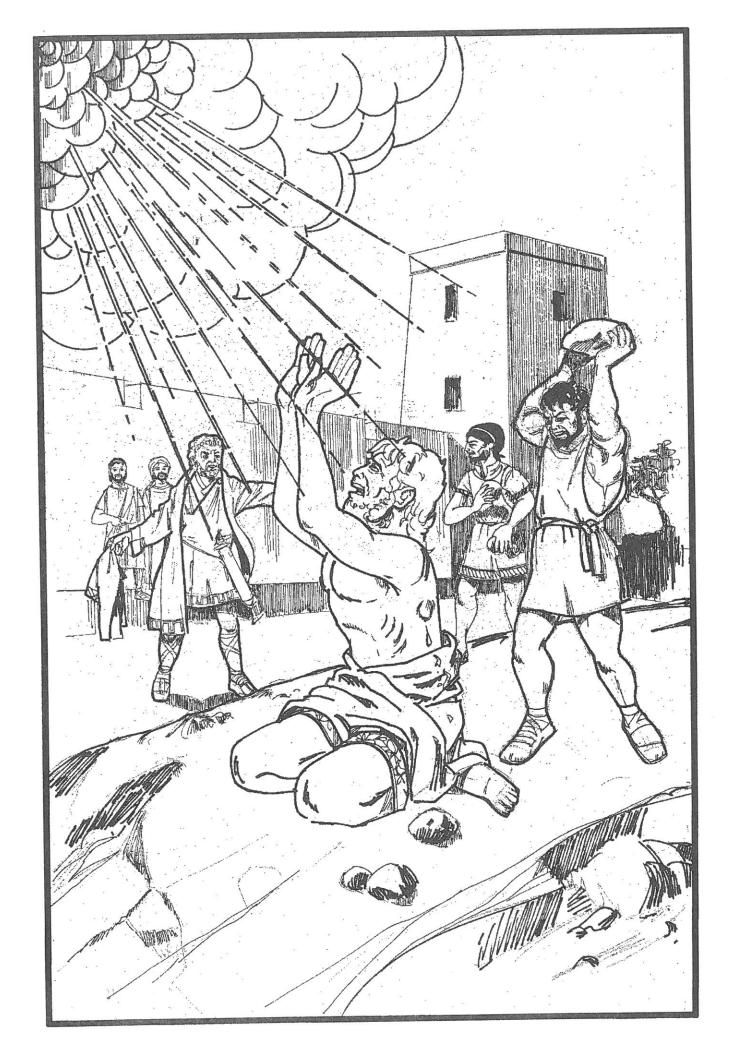
God will help.

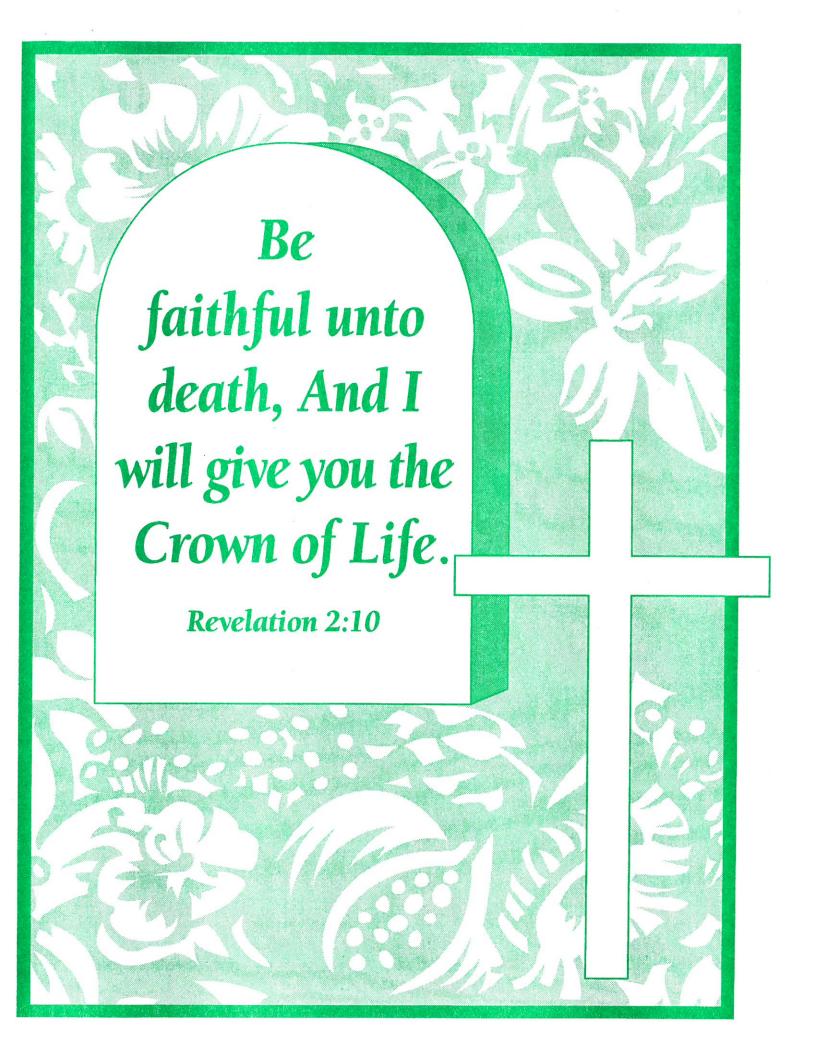
Stephen a
Christian and a
missionary. He told
Stephen to speak His
Word. Many people
hated God's Word and
wanted to kill His
missionaries. They did
not want to hear
about Jesus. But
Stephen still told people about Jesus. He

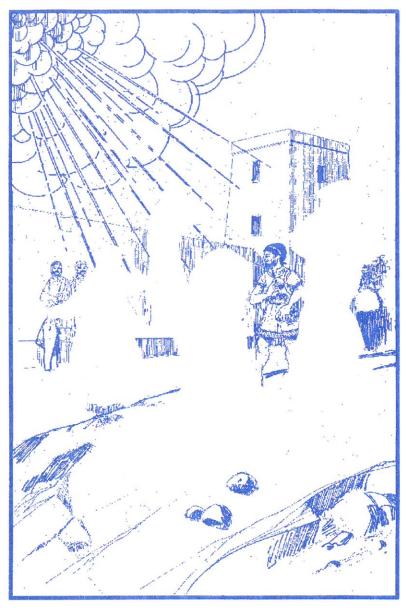


told them about their sins and how Jesus died for their sins. The people didn't want to hear about sin. They got mad. They dragged Stephen out of the city and threw rocks at him.

Some even threw big rocks at him. But. Stephen was not afraid. God was with him. Stephen was not mad at the people. He asked Jesus to forgive the people. He prayed to Jesus, "Please take me to heaven." Then he died and Jesus took him to heaven. The most important thing in Stephen's life was to tell people about Jesus. Nothing could stop him. Nothing should stop us from telling people about Jesus. Nothing should scare us. God is with us. He helps us to speak His Word all the days of our life.







DRAW A LINE TO WHERE THESE PEOPLE BELONG IN THE PICTURE.







Why a missionary talks to all people.

Peter – Sent by God to Witness unto All

Text: Acts 10:9-16; 34-40; 42-43

Are there some people you like better than others? Jesus wants us to love everybody. He loves everybody. We are sinners who have done many things wrong. God has made us Christians. We believe that Jesus died for us. Not only for us, but for all people. God wants us to be His missionaries. He wants everyone to hear about Jesus.

esus had a disciple named Peter.
Peter thought the Jewish people were better than other people. Peter forgot that

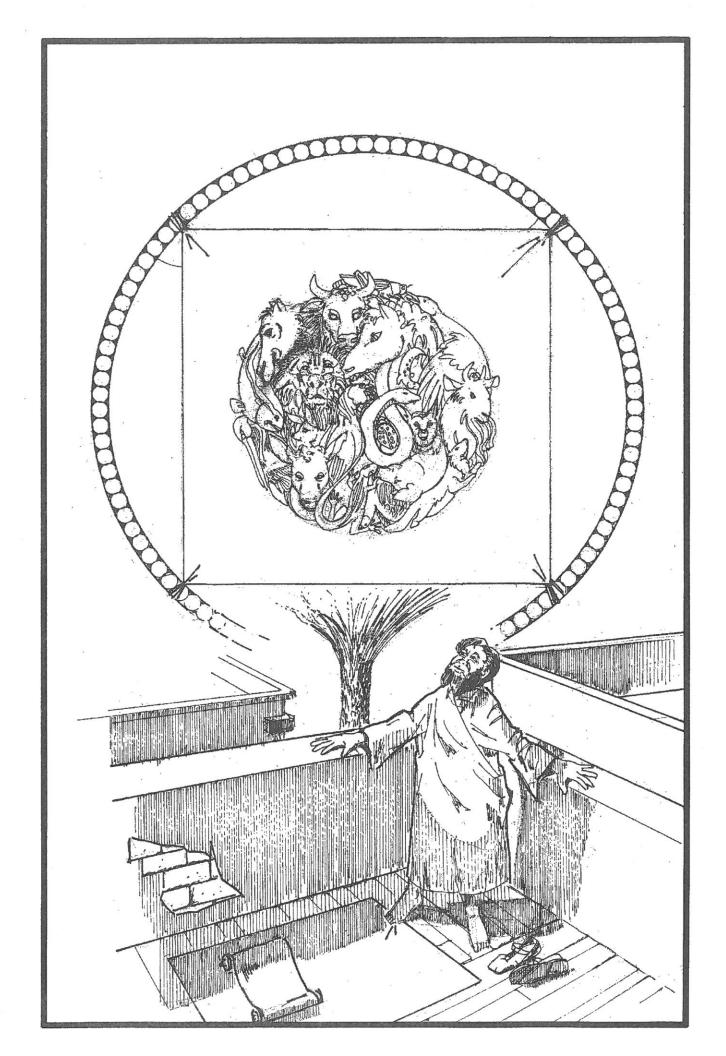


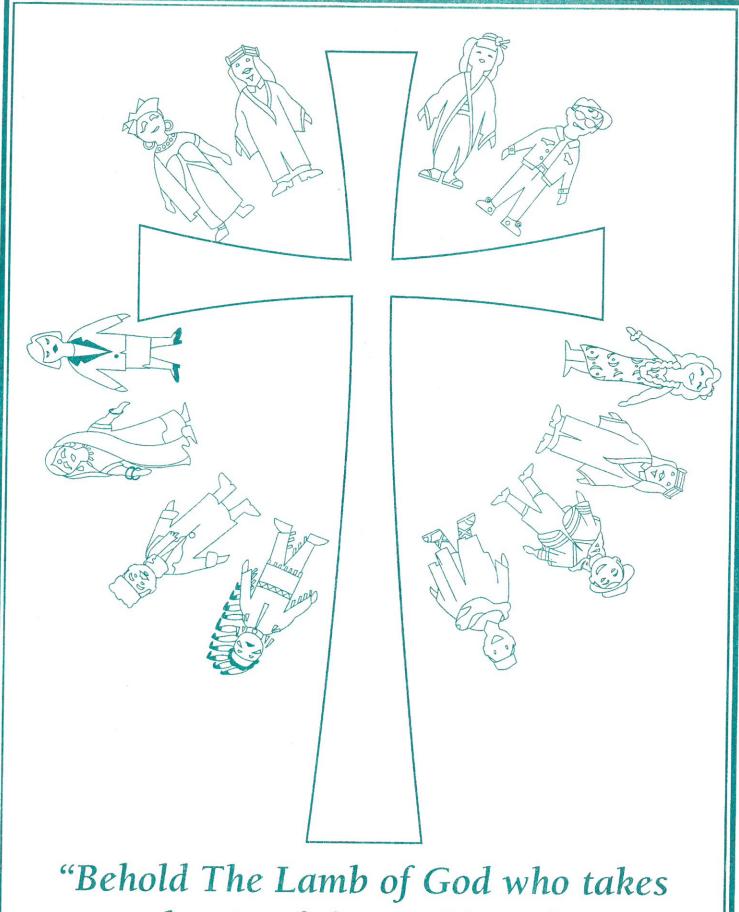
Jesus died for all people. But God wanted him to know this and to tell this to others.

So God spoke to Peter in a dream. He showed him some animals that Peter thought were bad.

God said they were good. Peter wasn't sure. Again God told Peter, "All animals are

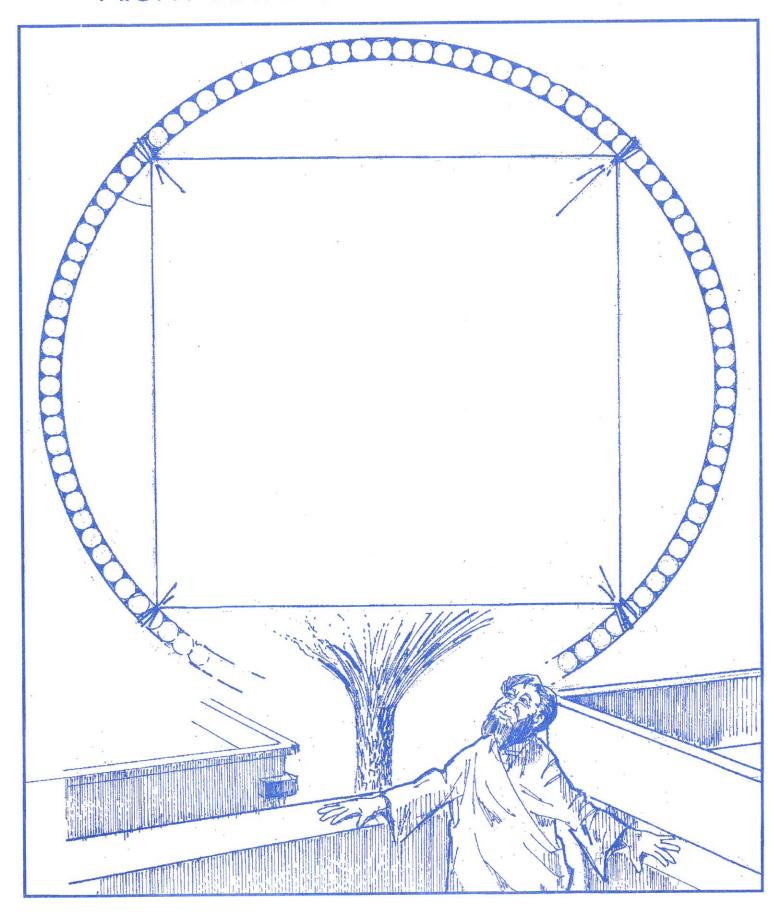
the same." Still Peter wasn't sure. Once more God said, "All animals are the same." Now Peter knew what God was showing him. All animals are the same. All people are the same. The Jewish people were not better than other people. Black people are not better than white people. All people are sinful. Yet God loves everybody. That is why He sent Jesus to die for the sins of all people. Jesus also loves us and will take us to heaven. We love Iesus. We want to tell everyone that Jesus loves them, too!





away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

DRAW SOME ANIMALS THAT PETER MIGHT HAVE SEEN IN THIS PICTURE.



What does a missionary do?

Lydia – Prepared by God to Live His Word

Text: Acts 16:9-15

God wants every Christian to be a missionary of Christ. Some Christians are pastors and preachers in the church. Some are teachers in Christian schools. Do you think you could be a pastor or teacher? More are needed. Pray to Jesus about it. But there are other ways of letting people know about Christ. One of the best ways is to show that we love Jesus by the way we live.

Remember how
God made Paul a
missionary? God
wanted Paul to go into
all the world and tell
people about Jesus. Paul
preached the Bible. A



woman named Lydia heard him. God made her a Christian. She was happy to hear about Jesus and how He died for her sins. Paul baptized her. She loved to hear God's Word. She was glad to go to church. Lydia sold purple dresses and shirts to people and gave the money to Jesus. She took care of God's missionaries. She fed them and gave them a

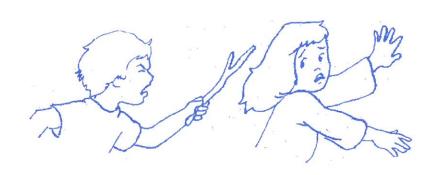
place to sleep. She showed her love for Jesus in many ways.

Lydia was a special missionary. She told people about Jesus by what she did. Each Christian is to be a missionary of Jesus Christ. Some missionaries are pastors and teachers. Some travel to other parts of the world. Most stay in one area and work or go to school. But they, too, are missionaries. We are Christians. We know Jesus died for us. He has baptized us. He has given us the Bible and promised to be with us. We are His missionaries to tell people about Him. We can do that by talking about Jesus. We can also tell people about Jesus by the way we live.





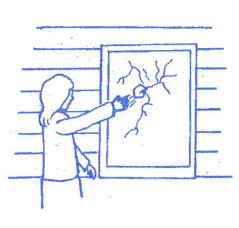
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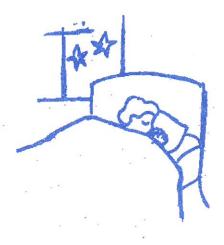














Memory Verses

LEVEL I & LEVEL II

Acts 16:31 - Believe on the Lord jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.

Psalm 119:105 - Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Revelation 2:10c - Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

John 1:29 - Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

LEVEL III & LEVEL IV

John 3:5 - Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

2 Timothy 3:15 - That from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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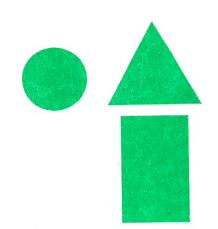
1 John 2:2 - And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

I Corinthians 10:31 - Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Memory Hymn 496 (stanzas 2&4)

2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all. If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgments dread alarm. You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

4. Let none hear you idly saying, There is nothing I can do," While the souls of men are dying And the Master calls for you. Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"



Hymns For Opening Devotions

Monday 37:1-2

Tuesday 283

Wednesday 215:1-3

Thursday 371:1&5

Friday 409:1

Suggested Prayer

Father in heaven, thank You for sending Jesus to take away our sins.

We are happy that You brought us to faith in Jesus as our Savior. We thank You for the blessings of Baptism.

Help us to tell others about Iesus.

Like Paul, may we preach Christ and Him crucified.

Like Philip, teach us Your Word that we may teach others.

Like Stephen, keep us faithful to You unto death.

Like Peter, show us that You love everyone and want them in heaven.

Like Lydia, help us to show our love for You by how we live. We love You because You first love us.

Make us better Christians and missionaries for the sake of Jesus. Amen.